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67029-003REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the detailed remarks and the allowability of claims 7, 8, and 10-13. Claims 1, 6, 8, and 9 have been amended and claim 7 has been cancelled. New claims 14-16 are presented. Accordingly, claims 1-6 and 8-16 are pending. Claim 8 has been amended to independent form and is thus properly allowable.

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, and 9 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by *Hunt* (5,410,992). As noted by the Examiner, *Hunt* discloses a first barrel portion 18 and a second barrel portion 22, the second barrel portion 22 movable relative a first barrel portion. Notably, the second barrel portion 22 only rotates about the first barrel portion. Applicant has amended claims 1, 6, and 9 to recite that said second barrel portion pivots relative said first barrel portion. *Hunt* fails to disclose or suggest such a pivotable arrangement. The claims are therefore properly allowable.


Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by *Hiraoka* (4,353,680). Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite that said second portion pivotable between a first position at least partially within said first portion and a second position generally along an outer periphery defined by said first portion to complete the outer periphery. *Hiraoka* at best discloses shutters 6 that are located within the fan shroud. Accordingly, amended claim 1 is properly allowable.

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Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a teleconference will facilitate moving this case forward to being issued, Applicant's representative can be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully Submitted,
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